

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 467

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Cicely Woodard, the
2017-2018 Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those outstanding professionals who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Cicely Woodard, an eighth-grade mathematics teacher at West End Middle School in Nashville, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected educator, Ms. Woodard was recently named Tennessee Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting the profound impact she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, operated by the Tennessee Department of Education, the Tennessee Teacher of the Year program annually recognizes and honors outstanding teachers from across the State who devote their professional lives to enriching the lives of Tennessee's children and demonstrate exceptional gains in student achievement; and

WHEREAS, having taught for thirteen years in Tennessee, Ms. Woodard serves in many leadership roles in her school and district; she has also served as an adjunct instructor at Vanderbilt University's Peabody College, from which she holds a master's degree; and

WHEREAS, viewed as a teacher-leader throughout Middle Tennessee, Ms. Woodard is highly sought after for her expertise in helping students grasp challenging mathematics concepts and developing meaningful classroom assessments; she strives to grow and challenge herself as a teacher-leader, and she seeks out opportunities both to lead and to participate in professional development; and

WHEREAS, the numerous awards and honors she has received serve as testament to her exceptional skill and passion in education, as does the trust placed in her by both her students and her peers; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Woodard is an inspiration to the faculty, staff, and students alike of West End Middle School, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Cicely Woodard truly epitomizes the dedicated school teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Cicely Woodard upon being named the 2017-2018 Tennessee Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.